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WAR & PEACE U. S. stalls truce talks; 'fear let-down in arms program'

THE official line from Washington, echoed by the U.S. press, was that cease-fire talks in Korea were deadlocked because Washington insisted on the present battle-front, the North Koreans and Chinese on the 38th Parallel as the demarcation line. Recalling that top officials told the MacArthur hearings last spring the U.S. was prepared to settle on the Parallel, the N.Y. **Daily News** asked:

> Why shouldn't the Reds—Chinese and North Korean alike—have taken Acheson's statement [June 26] at face value and insisted that the U.S. and UN live up to it in the armistice agreement?

GEN. NAM IL
The goal is peace

But by the end of the week it was clear that Washington was rejecting even the present battle line—which extends far into North Korea—and demanding a line even further north.

WASHINGTON'S HOAX: Recently the distinguished Australian newsman Wilfred (Peter) Burchett (formerly correspondent for the London **Times** and **Express** and the **Christian Science Monitor,** fired from the **Monitor** for not "reporting from the Western point of view" when he filed a series on religious freedom in Hungary) arrived in Kaesong from China as correspondent for the left-wing Paris paper **Ce Soir.** On Aug. 1 Burchett told Allied newsmen that UN negotiators had proposed a line 80 miles north of the Parallel.

Next day INS and UP confirmed Burchett's story, quoting "UN sources" that the Americans had demanded a line "far north" of the present front. On Aug. 3 Gen. Ridgway's headquarters issued a statement that U.S. sea and air power controls all of Korea up to the Yalu, and that:

> The military demarcation line upon which we must reach agreement therefore lies somewhere between the air and sea front on the Yalu and the ground front in the area of Kaesong, Pyonggang, and the Yangjin River.

On Aug. 4 Ridgway in a very tough statement suspended the talks because UN negotiators had seen a company of armed Chinese in Kaesong. (The North Korean-Chinese command admitted the violation of the truce agreement, said it was a "mistake" which would not occur again.) The pretext was flimsy, but Ridgway's action served to soften the impact of the disclosure that the U.S., in a hoax on its own people and its allies, was demanding virtual surrender of North Korea.

SO WEAK—SO STRONG: Columnist Robert Allen reported on Aug. 3 that the U.S. is determined to hold the captured section of North Korea because it contains the richest tungsten mines in the world outside China; the ore, he said, was being shipped to the U.S. within five days of their capture. The N.Y. **Times** reported from Tokyo that the Communists had made all the concessions to date, were expected to make more, and if they conceded on all points "but in that case only" the talks would be a success. This apparent belief in Communist weakness was further reflected in an astonishing statement from Ridgway's headquarters purporting to find "a wedge" driven between the U.S.S.R. and China, with China slated to become another Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile in Washington the Administration continued to warn of Soviet strength and the "menace" of a Soviet attack. The **Wall St. Journal** on Aug. 3 flatly accused the Administration of lying:

> Grim warnings from the Pentagon are largely propaganda. Global war danger is increasing, according to Marshall and Pace. What they really fear is a let down in the arms program. . . . And they want to be sure Congress will appropriate the full $61,000,000,000 they're asking for defense in the current fiscal year. Hence the scare talk. Actually, military advisers and diplomats have no evidence of new Russian moves. A build-up in Soviet satellites got headlines recently, but it's old stuff. Intelligence sources say the danger of war hasn't changed for better or worse.

Result of Guardian Midsummer Opinion Poll

Trained GUARDIAN pollsters asked this scientifically-selected sample dog what he thought of the Congressional program for upward price rollbacks. His reply, given facially, is recorded above. The pollsters then asked his opinion of Washington's program for peace through war. His expression remained unchanged.

THE BOTTOMLESS WELL: The Administration's demand for new billions in foreign aid brought an unexpected outburst from Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.), who shouted at ECA director Foster that ECA is

> ". . . trying to cover the earth. . . . Stick to your last! You were put in to take care of Europe. Now you're chasing out to southeast Asia . . . [to] support some of those wobbly countries."

The N.Y. **Herald Tribune** explained that Connally faces a tough primary fight next year in Texas, where federal spending is not popular. The **Wall St. Journal,** in an editorial titled "Rake's Progress," welcomed Connally's going on record that

> . . . . the Administration road is endless and the Administration's demands are insatiable. . . . In the Senator's barely concealed rage is summed up the anger and frustration of millions of Americans. . . . The frustration results from the people's seeming helplessness in halting this out-

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In Sing Sing death house, an 8-year-old cold-war victim asks:

'Daddy, when are you and Mommy coming home?'

Special to the GUARDIAN

TWO New York children, aged 8 and 4, who had not seen their parents in a year, saw them again last Wednesday. They spent one hour with their mother and were then told: "Mommy has to go somewhere now"; then an hour with their father—and then a train took the two little boys away.

The place to which their mother and father had to go was back to their silent, solitary cells in the Sing Sing death house. They are Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, awaiting electrocution as "atom spies." Sing Sing Warden Denno had managed to arrange for them to see their children separately in the second-floor Council Room of the death house—the first time any death house occupant has ever been allowed to see a visitor except through bars.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg had agreed months ago that when they were allowed to see the boys they would conceal their longing and grief and the whole tragedy in which they are enveloped. The visit was to be as constructive as it could possibly be for the children.

"YOU KNOW WE'RE INNOCENT": At first the younger boy hardly recognized his mother, but then he gained assurance and came to her as she played with his brother. Mrs. Rosenberg had brought candy bars from the jail canteen and a Fireside Song Book with songs the children knew, which they sang with her. The only other gift she could bring was a collection of insects she had gathered in the jail yard where she walks and plays handball with herself for an hour each day.

When she returned to her cell, and her husband was brought into the Council Room, the smaller boy climbed in his lap and the older boy said: "I can play chess now, Daddy!" and asked questions about chess. The older boy asked: "When are you and Mommy coming home?" and said:

> "I heard on the radio that Uncle Dave [David Greenglass, confessed spy whose testimony convicted the Rosenbergs] got fifteen years. How is it that so many people spoke against you and only Mr. Bloch [the Rosenbergs' lawyer] spoke for you, Daddy?"

Rosenberg said:

> "Your uncle and aunt were spies and admitted it, and were hired to put the blame on us. You know we are innocent, we have always told you so, and I want you never to forget it. We are taking our case before the courts, and the facts will come out some day."

A SILENCE TO BE BROKEN: The children returned to their grandmother's, where they are living, in good spirits. The eight-year-old—big enough to understand something of the situation—was confident his parents' innocence would be established and they would come home. Nobody knew what went on in the mind of the four-year-old boy.

There were no reporters to record the emotion of the Rosenbergs as the silence of their cells closed on them again. But these are two steeled people who know of what they are the victims. Attorney Bloch on Thursday obtained an extension from Aug. 15 to Oct. 15 for filing the record and brief in their appeal.

Between now and then the GUARDIAN will expose the "evidence" on which two beloved and respected American parents, who have never ceased to proclaim their total innocence, have been ordered to their deaths by their government.

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THE MAIL BAG

DuBois's speech

RICHMOND, IND.

I think the speech by Dr. DuBois (GUARDIAN, July 11, Page 5) should be printed separately, as a one page leaflet. It is too wonderful to be limited to just the subscribers of the GUARDIAN. It is an epic statement.

Mrs. Karol Fahnestock

Wish we could but we have not got the funds. The GUARDIAN is our leaflet and we're doing everything we can to make sure it comes out every week. Ed.

Political bondage

PAROWAN, UTAH

The politicians and Congressmen whom the Kefauver Investigating Committee exposed as having strong political ties with underworld gangsterism, remain outside prison bars, wrap themselves in the American flag and use their power to imprison those who are not in sympathy with the Fascist-like political ideology of the two old parties—those who would give their lives if necessary to save the right to freedom of political opinion, granted in our Constitution.

These political prisoners are not for their country "wrong or right" and therefore are classed as subversives who seek the overthrow of the U.S. government. Such political bondage in a so-called "free nation" is the most revolting form of political totalitarianism. No wonder the people are rebelling against such tyranny and oppression and are building a "People's Progressive Party."

Olive Carroll

Trumocra y

DETROIT, MICH.

Unless the liberals of the world of all shades of thought and opinion join together in keeping the light of liberty burning in this land, Trumocracy will put its yoke on the neck of humanity and its iron heel will grind all opposition to dust. The economic system that allows dissolute criminals and murderers to join with industrialists, business men, gangsters, opportunists, monopolists, warmongers, bribers and bribe takers in praising free enterprise (free booting) as the pinnacle of success is surely proof that our democracy rests on foundations of sand. When this tower of greed and corruption crumbles it will destroy itself along with its victims unless we liberals bestir ourselves and educate and enlighten the masses as to its danger.

Two of us realizing the danger are sending a bit to help you in your work. $60 enclosed.

Ferrand and Stocker

Spiritual sickness

PITTSBURGH, PA.

There is a sinister and creeping malignancy in the population of a nation that will support two mass killers in high positions and applaud their evil and destructive influence — one for giving the order which caused the atom bombs to be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the other for the conduct of "operation killer" in Korea. Both men may well go down in history as war criminals of a new order of magnitude.

The people of the U.S. stand condemned for their silence and complacency in witnessing such mass murder without violently protesting and demanding a halt. Our institutions of higher learning, and the churches that are supposed to be leaders in ethics and humanitarianism, can be particularly condemned for their supine acceptance of the edicts of the gangsters and killers who are leading the nation to destruction.

Only a few short years ago when another megalomaniac was operating in Germany, we frequently heard "it can't happen here." It has happened here. Gaylord Yost

Try this on your portable

SAFETY HARBOR, FLA.

It is the duty of every citizen to give his life in defense of the proposition that it is the duty of every citizen to give his life in defense of the proposition that it is the duty of every citizen. . . . (Sorry, here's where I get off!)

Bernard Raymund

Cooperative in Jersey

FLEMINGTON, N. J.

Individually, we have long been readers of the GUARDIAN. Now, as a co-operative group, we are happy to be able to send you our small donation. Our group is composed of five adults and two children. Our backgrounds are quite varied, but our aims, ideas and outlooks are pointed in the same direction. We believe that by living and working together we are enabled to achieve a much fuller and more satisfying life, both economically and culturally, than we could maintain on an individual basis, what with today's high cost of living, exorbitant rentals and outrageous taxes.

At the present time we are living in a rented farm house charmingly located in Readington, N. J. Four of the adult members work in factories nearby, while the fifth member takes care of our household. We hope that by this summer we will be able to buy a large house with several acres of land so that we can engage in subsistence farming and really develop our social ideas to their fullest extent.

We very much want our group to expand and would be most happy to hear from any of your readers who might be interested in joining our community.

Erika and Sam Weimersheimer
R. D. No. 1, Box No. 1

A peaceful dent

PAYETTE, IDAHO

I want to order 1,000 copies of the July 4 Chicago Peace Congress issue of the GUARDIAN for distribution. That ought to make a dent on the warmongers. A. G. Cornell

The Fifth Freedom

LORAIN, O.

There is a Fifth Freedom in the making in our town, namely: the Freedom From Eating. It came to the attention of the Interracial Citizens Club, that when one Negro reverend walked into a restaurant on Broadway, the waitress did serve him a cup of coffee, but she told him that the manager would like to see him. The manager, in the part of the establishment where no witnesses were present, did not say a word. He just showed the reverend a card, on which was written a statement, that as a Negro he was unwelcome in the fuutre.

Of course, if they import the Sixth Freedom, which was in full swing in the South for quite a few years, the Freedom From Breathing, why, it will not be long before no restaurants will be needed. All patrons, white and Negro, will be kaput. John J. Gray

CIO News

"What's the difference between 'Capitol' and 'Capital'? . . . Apparently none at this session, my boy!"

The skeptic

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

I am a prospector and generally spend my summers away from the city, in a wilderness, and have no postoffice address. Am not a Christian, but not an atheist, and never was a Communist. Catholic pamphlets say the world must go Catholic or go Communist. Where does that leave a skeptic like me, or any Protestant? I hope there is a middle road, but if not, I would rather be ruled from Moscow than from Rome, as the lesser of two evils.

A country's religion, or lack of it, and its form of government, are its own internal affairs. But the churchmen are meddling into other nations' affairs, and unless some plain and fancy crawfishing is soon practiced, there will be a third world war, in which we cannot win. A loyal American is one who wants to keep his country out of a third world war, if only for purely selfish reasons, its own best welfare.

James Styles

Keep talking, ma'am

PORTLAND, ORE.

I want to have the GUARDIAN coming all the time. We get the truth from the GUARDIAN. The other papers are such liars. I wish I could get more papers like yours. In the evening paper all you get is advertisements, nothing else. Well, I will keep quiet and mail $2 for the GUARDIAN.

Blanche Brewer

Jean Field

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND.

Jean Field's fight for her children is your fight for your children. American mothers and fathers I am sure will agree with me that teaching children racial equality is what we need, if we are to live like human beings. We need more than ever to take a stand against segregation. Jean Field is truly a real American mother. I hope all mothers will follow her example.

Is it American justice when Judge Harold W. Schweitzer and W. I. Gilbert, attorney for Vernon Field, father of the children, accused Jean Field of "unfitness" because she opposed America's role in the Korean conflict and supported the need for peace? I am sure that if Jean Field had supported war and opposed peace, Schweitzer, Gilbert and Vernon Field would have pinned medals on Jean. She probably also would get a pat on the back if she taught children discrimination of race color. Josephine Greziak

Hope for socialism

PORTLAND, ORE.

Please renew my subscription for another year. Am 81 years old and have been a member of the International Typographical Union for 60 years. Was a member of the old Socialist Labor Party in 1895 when that was the only real workingman's party in the U.S. Have seen much progress since those days and still hope to see socialism victorious in my time. W. F. Englefried

A mother speaks

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

I have a 19 year old son. I wouldn't mind too much if he were called upon to fight Generalissimo Franco or Chiang Kai-shek, but to be asked to fight to help those two brutal, corrupt dictators is insupportable. No punishment on earth could be as great as Chiang deserves for trying to start a war and get a foreign power—the U.S.A.—to bomb and kill millions of his fellow Chinese, just so his own brutal and corrupt power could return to China. A Mother

The shoe fit

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

I am sending another subscription for a man who runs a small shoe store in my neighborhood. My ALP Club held a peace meeting on the corner on which his store is located and he proved very friendly and cooperative. Later I visited his shop to buy my children some shoes and in the course of discussion he said it was a terrible thing that America had no people's paper.

Natch—I sold him a GUARDIAN sub. Ruth Shalit

When is peace war?

ASTORIA, ORE.

The anti-people's papers are taking up the cry that the Communists are advocating peace while practicing war. The accusation is made that Russia is taking over all those countries that have been, or are in the course of being, emancipated from foreign rule. There is no more truth in that than there would have been in the assertion that France was taking over the U.S. in our own revolution, because she lent us sympathy and aid. Lover of Fair Play

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REPORT TO READERS

We have 550 new POW names

AS rapidly as we can make space, we are now in the process of printing a new list of some 550 Americans whose names have been made public as POW's by the Chinese. These are in addition to more than 800 names we have already printed in issues of the GUARDIAN since mid-April.

This total of names is almost ten times the number "officially" acknowledged by our government as POW's—although the sources through which we have received these names are open to any agency in the U.S., government, press or individual. Furthermore there is not a shred of reason to doubt that the names are authentically those of American young men who are alive and well in POW camps in North Korea.

WE publish these names to make it possible for readers to undertake the humane job of letting next-of-kin know their men have been heard from—that they need no longer be considered "missing" with all the ache and dread that word implies. Hundreds of families have had this reassurance through the neighborliness of GUARDIAN readers.

We hope you will read these new names most carefully, look for names you know even though addresses may not be given, and take the very little trouble involved to write, telephone or call on the family involved.

That's all we propose, this simple neighborly act. We ourselves have scrupulously avoided every proposal to commercialize this list of names or to exploit it in any way, and we earnestly counsel you to be equally respectful of the right of privacy and individual opinion of anyone you may call, write or visit in this connection. If the people want a copy of the paper in which the name of their POW may appear, we will sent it free of charge on request. We do not solicit these families as subscribers, we do not seek their signatures to peace petitions, we do not urge them to any set of political views. Our aim is to relieve their suspense.

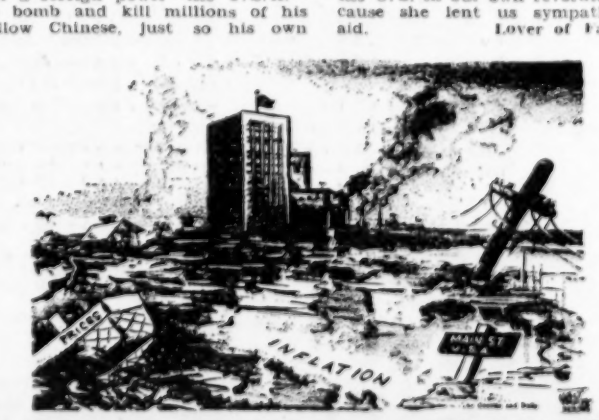
THE list we are now running has almost doubled since we started it in the last issue. For this reason we have combined all the names into a new single list, starting this week at the beginning of the alphabet again after getting through the letter "H" on the first batch last week.

We will finish running the whole list as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, if there is a name you are seeking further along in the alphabet, please call, write or wire us and we'll check the list and reply immediately.

If people whose missing men appear in the list want to know how to try to get in touch with them, advise them that their Post Office is supposed to have a form for this purpose which requires no postage. If the form is not available or they do not wish to use it, next-of-kin may write to any known POW c/o the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace, Peking, China.

If anyone asks how the GUARDIAN gets these names, tell him we subscribe to the same English-language papers from China that our government departments get. All our names come from these sources, which we believe completely reliable.

—THE EDITORS



York Gazette & Daily

OUT OF CONTROL

THE PRESIDENT'S MIDYEAR REPORT

Billions-for-war economy begins digging own grave

GUARDIAN economic analysis

THE N.Y. **Times** called the President's Midyear Economic Report "the most informative and progressive" he ever put out. Headline writers more accurately boiled it down to one thing —a call for more arms. The **Journal of Commerce** noted:

> The cost of the defense program goes up each time President Truman issues a progress report on how it is going.

The report is a confession of failure and a promise of disaster. It confesses that four years of massive doses of arms and foreign spending have failed; that the $60,000,000,000 scheduled for arms this year isn't enough. For behind the talk of inflation this spring a surprising thing was happening. Retail prices, which had risen by 11½ points in two sudden spurts after Korea and the Yalu counter-offensive, subsided. Spot commodity prices fell to December levels. Wholesale prices declined after March. The stock market sagged. Farm prices fell on news of record yields. Inventories rose to astronomic heights as consumers failed to buy; shelves bulged and distress sales began, while textile factories closed.

CATASTROPHE OF PEACE: Then Russia's Malik proposed peace. But peace, as David Lawrence in a more lucid period pointed out, would collapse our inflated economy. The Administration, eyes glued to the markets and next year's elections, insisted: "There shall be no peace." The Economic Report rose to the occasion with an authoritative promise of more government spending for arms. Acheson followed it with a call for $25,000,000,000 more in foreign aid.

The reaction was highly specific. Here were the next days' headlines:

> STOCKS WIPE OUT 2 MONTHS' LOSSES . . . BUSINESS FORESEES DOLLAR SALES RISE . . . FORTHCOMING INDUSTRIAL PRICE ADVANCES SEEN BRINGING BACK SELLERS MARKET . . . BROKERS FELT THAT PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC MESSAGE WHEREIN HE STRESSED NEED FOR GREATER SPENDING, RUNNING WELL INTO BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, WAS A MAJOR FACTOR BEHIND THE DEMAND FOR STOCKS.

THE GAP WIDENS: Why is it that the doses of arms spending have continually to be increased? The answer is basic. The economy produces more than the people can buy. What's worse, the arms economy aggravates instead of relieves this chronic weakness. The

really important gap is not the inflationary gap Truman talks about but the consumption gap. Arms making increases that gap—look at the figures.

The post-war splurge in buying was largely based on the backlog built up during the war for houses, appliances, autos, goods of all sorts by both consumers and business. The buying splurge was greased by credit—credit which is now at a phenomenal level of almost $80,000,000,000, or more than twice as much as at the war's end. Consumers were not buying out of current income but mortgaging their futures. Business expenditures, paced by great profits, were similarly much higher than normal, to keep up with consumer spending. Government spending also remained high.

KOREA & AFTER: But by 1947 the market fell out of radios and many other goods, and became successively worse for the hard or durable goods. Business spending was returning to replacement instead of new investment. At the time of Korea, as a General Motors economist pointed out, the big market for houses and autos was about exhausted. Houses mean stoves, lumber, plumbing, washing machines, furniture.

"Providentially" along came Korea and "a panicky situation" with a burst of buying on all sides; the National Emergency with a big boost in arms spending, controls to raise prices.

The economy boomed again: 1950 profits were the highest ever, first-half 1951 profits even higher. But now again the economy shows signs of the persistent spring lag. Why? Because output rose 16% in the year since Korea but gross weekly wages only 9%; the economy produced more — the people could buy less. This was made worse by higher taxes on consumers. The government, despite more spending, took away more money than it handed out this spring.

HOW TO MAKE BAD WORSE: Arms economy favors profits for the few at the expense of income for the many. Corporation profits rose from $37,000,000,000 to a rate of over $50,000,000,000 in 1951's first quarter, slightly less in the second quarter. Undistributed profits rose by 20% — more money withheld from consumption. Dividends and interest payments increased 40% in six months after Korea. But while labor income dropped as a share of national income, the share of owners rose by 12½%.

In short, the post-Korea year increased the basic consumption gap. The recipe for next year will make the gap even bigger. The President last week "reluctantly" signed the control bill which extends most basic provisions of the Defense Production Act for 11 months. He said it will raise prices, insure higher profits. Price Stabilizer DiSalle said it would increase the cost of living 10%. The law permits rent increases of 20%. In effect it forbids rollbacks on farm products while permitting the 10% rollback on beef to stand. On non-farm products it theoretically permits rollbacks, but decrees that the resultant ceiling must not be lower than the highest price in the six months before Korea plus adjustment for higher costs.

REQUIEM: The United Labor Policy Committee (AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods) decided not to press for a Presidential veto "since it would leave the nation without adequate authority for many activities essential to defense" (**CIO News**). UAW's Reuther and AFL's Green led the fight against proposing a veto. ULPC, which last winter boycotted the mobilization program in protest against its control by big business, praised the "anti-inflation" fight of mobilization tsar Wilson, economic stabilizer Johnston and others. It absolved Truman and his appointees, glossing over the fact that this type of control program is the inevitable concomitant of wasteful arms spending, frozen wages, higher taxes, slashes in housing, social services, productive spending.

Where does all this lead? The President's Economic Report shows that both Democrats and Republicans are hopelessly committed to shoveling more fuel into the military juggernaut which speeds its way toward depression or war, flattening out the people as it proceeds.

But the military road is not the only road. The squeeze is building resistance. The era of economic nonsense based on arms is not at an end, but the President's Report is one of its requiems.

U.S. stalls

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> pouring: the anger stems from what increasingly appears to have been deception on the Administration's part.

NO LUNCH, NO STORY: Connally's remarks about "wobbly" Southeast Asian countries were not likely to win friends in a part of the world where the U.S. was already having trouble.

In Singapore last week N.Y. Gov. Dewey scolded the Malayan press for featuring the Cicero, Ill., anti-Negro riot, which was "not anything basic in our country." Malayan editors did not print his remarks because they were barred—by their color—from attending the luncheon at which he made his talk.

For Washington's "white man's treaty" with Japan the weather got steadily stormier. The N.Y. **Times** reported from New Delhi that India, Burma and Indonesia may refuse to sign the treaty unless the U.S. acts on their objections (India has demanded return of Formosa to China, elimination of the clause permitting foreign troops to remain in Japan, retention by Japan of the Bonin and Ryukyu islands). Burma and Indonesia, according to the **Times**, joined the protest in return for Indian support of their reparations claims; but Washington rejected the objections of the Philippines which also wants reparations. All Southeast Asia resents the U.S. plan (disclosed recently by Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson) to use their raw materials to supply Japanese industry, as under Japan's pre-war "Co-Prosperity Sphere" set-up.

A plea for ECA aid came from Burma's Premier Thakin Nu, who is fighting a national liberation movement now in control of half his country. Burma is further embarrassed by an attack from that country on China's Yunnan province by 10,000 or more Chiang Kai-shek troops, reported to be acting under U.S. direction. Earlier, Burma had protested to Washington against the arming and supplying of these troops from Thailand, where a U.S. military mission is very active.

HERBERT ON FREEDOM: In Europe, Washington directed its fire against "the biggest Soviet peace offensive since the war." British Foreign Secy. Morrison contributed an article to Moscow's **Pravda** pointing to the freedom vouchsafed to Britons: it appeared just as the British government had taken away the passports of an undisclosed number of Britons including wartime atomic energy expert Dr. E. H. S. Burhop. The **Daily Express** commented:

> It is monstrous that rights which have existed since the time of Magna Carta should now be set aside.

The Foreign Office, the same week, fired Sir John Pratt (brother of actor Boris Karloff), its representative on the Universities China Committee. Sir John has publicly opposed war with China, publicly cited "overwhelming circumstantial evidence . . . that the fighting in Korea was started by the South Koreans," declared that the only aggressor in Asia is the U.S.

IT'S DONE WITH CARTELS: In Iran, Premier Mossadegh was greeted with shouts of "Thou Aged Traitor!" when he told the Senate the extent of the concessions he has made in the dispute over nationalization of the British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Press reports gave credit for Mossadegh's retreat to Walter Levy, formerly of Rockefeller's Standard Oil, who accompanied President Truman's emissary W. Averell Harriman to Iran. Levy bluntly explained how the Anglo-U.S. oil cartel could block development of Iran's oil if nationalization went ahead. Mossadegh agreed to negotiate with the British government, apparently without reference to the Enabling Act which put nationalization into effect.

An Australian notes . . .

"In the year 1817, the Encyclopaedia Britannica devoted eight lines to ATOM and four pages to LOVE.

"In 1950, ATOM had eleven pages and LOVE was left out altogether."

—Dr. J. MacAlister Brew, quoted in **The Peacemaker**, Melbourne, Australia, April 1951.

Truce on the foot soldier level

At Kaesong, outside the building where the truce missions are meeting, Pvt. Charles White (1) and a Chinese soldier talk things over. Ten to one they're talking about their families back home.

THE LAW

Suspected thinkers' bail farce goes on

A TOTAL of 84 persons were either in jail, under arrest or being sought last week as the government's drive against "subversion" kept up its pace. Newest move was an order on Friday revoking bail posted by the Civil Rights Congress for 39 aliens who were free pending deportation proceedings. Of the 39, eight are in the Detroit area, the rest in New York.

Fifteen surrendered at once, others reported later. They may post new bail, but it must be in the form of a single negotiable Treasury bond put up by a single individual who must reveal its source. Among those sent to Ellis Island were two of the 17 Communist leaders under Smith Act indictments in New York City, Betty Gannett and Alexander Bittelman. The latter had been free only 24 hours on bail from that charge.

NOBODY'S TALKING: In its continuing efforts to get the records and names of CRC bail fund contributors, the government has subpenas for three other persons sought for questioning by federal grand jury: Aubrey Grossman, asst. treasurer of the fund, Milton Wolff, former asst. treasurer, and Philip Silver, whose name appeared on a bail fund deposit certificate found in the subway.

Bail fund trustees Frederick Field, Dashiell Hammett, W. Alphaeus Hunton and Abner Green were still in jail on contempt sentences for refusing to give up the information demanded. Bail was still denied them, and Field and Green received additional sentences during the week. Field must serve a total of nine months; two sentences of six months each for Green were ordered served concurrently. Both the grand jury and the State Banking Dept. are to question more witnesses this week.

Two of the 17 Smith Act defendants in New York were still in jail, unable to post acceptable bail: Isidore Begun and Arnold Johnson.

11 FOR A MILLION: On the West Coast 11 other Communist leaders under Smith Act charges were still in jail (a 12th, William Schneiderman, was held in New York pending his transfer)

BERNADETTE DOYLE
600,000 people weren't afraid

under a record total bail of $925,000. One of those held is Bernadette Doyle, who polled 600,000 votes in California's last election. A federal grand jury there set another record when it handed down indictments in the case in 15 minutes; the swift action headed off a move to reduce the bail in habeas corpus proceedings.

National Communist Party chairman William Z. Foster, originally indicted with the first 12 CP leaders under the Smith Act but not tried with them because of illness, was given until Monday to post new bail of $5,000. He produced it on Friday.

The New York 17 petitioned Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan for the right — and sufficient time — to secure counsel of their own choice. Judge Ryan has appointed eight attorneys but all are reluctant to serve. On Wednesday the judge ordered three of them to sit down when they rose to protest the assignment; further hearings on that matter will be held this week.

NEXT INSTALLMENT: From Washington came hints that new round-ups under the Smith Act are imminent in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan.

During the week the CRC began a campaign to raise a $50,000 defense fund, started bulk distribution of a 10c pamphlet **Voices for Freedom** containing comment on the Supreme Court decision upholding the Smith Act, including the dissents of Justices Douglas and Black.

Radio saga tangles official Oatis 'line'

CONTINUING the barrage of top-level Washington protests against the jailing in Czechoslovakia of Associated Press correspondent William Oatis, who admitted atomic spying in open court, the House Foreign Affairs Committee last week adopted a resolution expressing "profound indignation" at the "sham trial and unjust convictions." The implication in all the denials and protests is that an American newspaperman is just that and cannot possibly be a spy as well.

Last week some journalistic faces reddened when a committee of the Overseas Press Club (700 U.S. foreign correspondents) tuned in the radio program **American Agent.** The program, running weekly for a year, features the adventures of a correspondent named Barclay who is also a spy. The OPC committee sent indignant letters to the show's producer, George (Lone Ranger) Trendle, and to the ABC network, denouncing the show as "a slander . . . damaging to the reputation of all foreign correspondents." Said Trendle in rebuttal:

> "The show is very clean. Barclay's editor in the show KNOWS that he's a secret agent."

SQUEEZE GOES ON: Official Washington faces, choleric all along, did not change color. The State Dept. said it would end all tariff concessions to Czechoslovakia and would recommend to the 30-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that U.S.-Czechoslovak trade relations be cut off altogether. The House Foreign Affairs Committee resolution, which calls on the State Dept. to "take all possible action" to effect Oatis' release, was pushed for early consideration by the House.

Townsendites hold out hand to labor

HOLDING their 11th convention in Detroit last week, the Townsend Clubs of America—organization of elderly folk who have battled 17 years for a national old-age pension—for the first time made a bid for joint action with the labor movement. The 600 delegates cheered when Tilford E. Dudley, asst. director of CIO's political Action Committee, proposed a conference of Townsendites, trade unionists and other organizations. They adopted a resolution calling for such a meeting in Washington, D.C., as quickly as it can be arranged.

Ignored by most of the U.S. press, the convention was snubbed by Detroit's Mayor Albert E. Cobo who "declined" an invitation to address the delegates. They booed his name, called his behavior an "outrageous insult", adopted a resolution to work for his defeat if he ever runs for a public office again.

Dr. Francis E. Townsend, head of the organization, spoke for peace:

> "The nation's prosperity today is only built on the blood and bones of our finest youth, who have been suffering and dying in the mudholes of Korea for a year."

Youth of 60 lands meet in Berlin

A PARADE, speeches and sports opened the World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace in East Berlin Sunday, with more than 100,000 crowding a new stadium built especially for the festival. Delegates were there from more than 60 countries, but at least 1,000 French and British were held up by refusal of U.S. authorities to let them cross Austrian territory. Few Americans were present because of U.S. passport restrictions; Paul Robeson Jr. was denied one.

Some 2,000,000 persons were expected to participate in the festival during its two-week run. A major aim of the sponsoring World Fedn. of Democratic Youth is a peace pact among the five great powers including New China. Too large to be ignored, the festival was already on Monday the object of typical U.S. press distortions. (For straight reports of the festival, see forthcoming GUARDIANS.)

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Inside North Korea: 4,000 years of culture smashed in one year

By Ida Bachmann
Special to the GUARDIAN

(In two previous articles Miss Bachmann, Danish librarian and former OWI official in New York, has told of her arrival in North Korea with an international women's delegation and her impressions of Sinuiju and Pyongyang, reduced to stinking ruin by UN "total war." In her next article she will describe the legacy of the two-month occupation of last fall.)

KOLDING, DENMARK

DURING 4,000 years Korea built up her culture and her harmonious way of life. During one year, most of her historic monuments have been destroyed; temples and churches bombed or machine-gunned; treasures stolen or burnt.

Yet 100 feet under the ruins of one of the cities our delegation watched a beautiful performance of music and ballet, out of reach of bombs from United Nations planes.

The style of the Korean hospitality to us, mostly citizens of UN countries, was overwhelming—and pathetic.

SWEET HOME: The comfort we westerners appreciate so highly that some of us confound it with life itself, never seems to have played a big part in the Koreans' lives. Most of their dwellings were mud-walled. But they have been deprived even of these modest homes.

If you bend your head and let yourself slide down three yards through a narrow passage in the ashes and rubble, you land in a typical North Korean city dwelling of today. It consists of one room one yard by two, furnished with a few rags salvaged from the conflagration. You cannot stand upright, and it is not easy to imagine how four to seven people manage to sleep here.

One family we visited owned a blanket. They were considered very lucky. In one place I saw a bed—but the family consisted of five survivors, two of them wounded.

Here and there we saw a makeshift "house" put together of loose bricks, covered with scraps of corrugated iron found in the ruins. This was the height of luxury, for here were air and light for the kids—but also the danger of bombs. Outside one such place I saw a dripping water-pipe—the only remains of what was the water system of Pyongyang.

"AN OPEN WOUND": Chinnampo on the Yellow Sea had been bombed many times. Its factories, railway station, schools, theaters, hospitals and official buildings were gone. Its remaining living quarters were destroyed by incendiary bombs on May 6, 16 days before our visit. The town was like an open wound. People crowded about us wherever we stopped.

In the third section of Chinnampo only some shining black sticks protruded from the ashes—charred remnants of what had been living trees 16 days before, now witnesses of the terrific heat the American incendiary bombs develop as they fall.

THE SCENE IS A NORTH KOREAN CITY, MAY 1951
One of the women delegates and the "resident" (white dress) sit by entrance to resident's home.

KIM MU YOUNG
"My father is dead"

A 60-year-old-woman, Cha Bok Duk, tells us she lost all her three sons and five grandsons. Another woman, Pai Duk Mo, 31, badly burnt on both legs, says: "I lost my three children." From a dugout a little boy of eight, Kim Mu Young, sticks his head out to look at us. "Is your father home?" asks the interpreter. "My father is dead," the boy answers. "Who killed him?" "The American planes." His mother and two smaller brothers survived out of a family of eight.

FAMILY CREMATION: Standing at the edge of a bomb crater, I Tang Wa says: "Here was my house. My wife, my two children and three other relatives who lived with us burned to death on May 6th." And he adds:

"We Koreans are going to keep our country, and we hope the democratic women of the world will defend the cause of Korea."

An old woman in the crowd weeps quietly. "I'm all alone now," she keeps saying. Little by little we get her story. Her husband was 70 and seriously ill on May 6; he burned to death in their house with their daughter-in-law and her little son. We ask the old woman, I Chun Sil, where she lives now; she says:

"I'm old now and I may not have long to live, but I want to defend our country against the foreigners. My only living son is fighting at the front. I shall wait patiently for his return after victory is won."

PITY FOR AMERICA: Comparatively few of the Koreans to whom we spoke showed hatred against the Americans. In people who had studied and knew more about politics, a certain feeling of pity was more prevalent than hatred. I'm not sure they did not consider America a backward country.

A young Korean we met in another town had had occasion to speak to an American airman who was shot down, and asked him: "Why do you bomb Korean cities and kill people who have never done you any harm?" The American answered: "When we bomb, the Koreans should not be in the cities." The young Korean told me this with pitying laughter at such stupidity.

But here in Chinnampo, where the losses were so recent, many spoke of vengeance, as though the bombs that destroyed their homes and killed their dear ones had also brought the contamination of hate. The quiet, peaceful Korean people had been turned into crowds of avengers, and this was probably the greatest harm they had suffered.

ARMLESS PRAYER: "I want to kill them with my own hands," someone said. He had lost his only son. A middle-aged man who had lost both arms in an earlier bombing stood silent for a while, then suddenly raised his short stumps so his empty sleeves waved in the air, and cried with a broken voice:

"Revenge!"

Kin Su Yon, only survivor of a family of 11, said every family in the section had lost at least three or four members: "Now all Koreans are like one man. I cannot express my feelings, I can only say—Revenge!"

Is it possible to understand this when you have not seen it? Even while I walked amid the ruins, with the smell of corpses in my nostrils, the crying of widows ond childless mothers in my ears, and stroking the rough cheeks of the orphans—even then it remained unreal for a long time.

Not until I imagined all cities and towns of my home country leveled with the ground, and my countrymen reduced to crowds of mourning survivors, did the picture my eyes saw of North Korea become real in my mind.

By June Cannan
Guardian staff correspondent

LOS ANGELES

A LITTLE woman from Japan took the speaker's stand at a recent meeting of the Los Angeles Arts, Sciences and Professions Council. She told the membership that there are men who die for the cause of war, so why should not she and others be willing, if necessary, to die for the cause of peace? She said:

"There are thousands of women in Japan who would sacrifice their lives, who would lie on the railroad tracks or walk into bayonets to help the cause of peace."

The woman was Dr. Tomi W. Kora, vice-mayor of Hiroshima, leader of the Women's Parliamentary Committee which represents members of both houses of the Japanese Diet, a Ph.D. from Columbia. She came to this country as a one-woman committee on a mission of peace. Dr. Kora went on:

"I saw the atom bomb fall. I was in Hiroshima on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945. I saw the great flash of the bomb in the sky above my city. It is a moment that will be engraved on my brain forever. I hope with all my heart that such a moment will never again be inflicted on any other human beings anywhere."

THE ARTS

Whose Iron Curtain?

BRITISH Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison, in an article in Moscow's **Pravda** last week, took up where President Truman left off in accusing the U.S.S.R. of preventing cultural exchange between Russia and the West.

Two days before the article appeared, the board of directors of New Orleans' Theater of Music banned a scheduled performance of the Russian composer Miaskowsky's 21st Symphony because of Miaskowsky's "Soviet affiliation." Replacing it in the program was Wagner's **Tannhaeuser** overture. (The overture was Hitler's favorite selection. Miaskowsky died a year ago.)

Last month Soviet violinist David Oistrakh and pianist Gillel performed in Italy. The N. Y. **Times's** Howard Taubman covered the performance and wired comparing Gillel with Horowitz. The Chicago **Tribune's** Claudia Cassidy wired:

Oistrakh played with such pure beauty it held the listener in a kind of trance. . . . By this time, the audience was enchanted and Oistrakh had begun to smile, knowing us as his musical comrades. . . . Everyone loved everyone else. . . . When music makes mutual understanding such a simple thing, why must curtains, iron and implicit, shut people of good will from one another?

Variety called Oistrakh and Gillel a tremendous "box office success" in Italy. But the Washington-dominated De Gasperi government refused to let them stay in the country.

Murder in Korea

The following item appeared on the front page of the Butte (Mont.) **Daily Post,** July 12, under the heading SIGN OF THE TIMES:

SAVANNAH, GA., July 12.—(UP)—Large granite monument will soon be placed on the edge of U.S. highway 80 near here. The inscription reads:

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The great bulk of the names, the majority with serial numbers and no other identification, have been reported by the Chinese News Agency Hsinhua as signatories to a statement addressed to "The People of America," protesting the strafing and rocketing of a POW camp in North Korea by four U. S. Mustang fighter planes on April 22 which caused 32 casualties.

The protest said the POW camp in question "is considered by us as a non-military target area," with "no main roads, railroads, main lines of communication, supply depots, factories, troops, vehicles or any other objects that could be mistaken for military targets before rocketing and strafing."

The statement expressed "deepest gratitude" for immediate medical aid given the wounded by Chinese and Korean personnel "with disregard for their own personal safety," and called for removal of U.S. troops from Korean soil.

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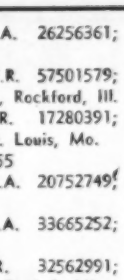

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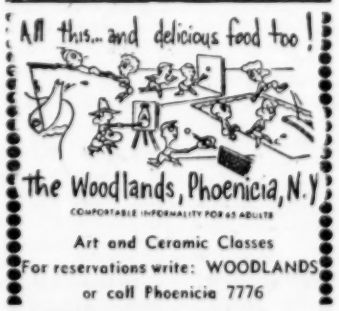

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FREEDOMS

Negroes: pattern of violence covers U.S.

MOB violence in Cicero, Ill., to prevent a Negro family from moving into a lily-white community got coast-to-coast headlines and protests on radio networks, aroused the country. Last week the family had not yet moved into the apartment and known organizers of racist violence in the Chicago area remained at large.

It was the publicity that made Cicero unique. The year 1951 was setting a pace that might put it on the records as the harshest in recent times for

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Negroes, North and South. These are some of the unpublicized developments:

ALABAMA: After long prodding by the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, the Dept. of Justice has said it will look into the killing of Negroes by cops in Birmingham, Ala. By July 4 five had been murdered there this year. Since 1948, 52 Negroes have been killed by police in the entire state; 28 of these were in Birmingham. One cop, James Hale, has four killings to his record. In May, Birmingham firemen stood by and watched Negro families totaling 400 persons burned out of their homes in the adjoining suburb of Fairfield.

LOUISIANA: In New Orleans, on Friday, July 20, Milton Lewis, 40-year-old oil worker, was executed on a charge of rape and murder. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark and Gov. Earl Long both refused a stay despite new evidence supporting the victim's innocence. Lewis had been so badly beaten after his arrest that his first trial was interrupted while he was hospitalized. On June 8 Edward Honeycutt was executed for rape in Opelousas, La., despite evidence of his innocence. In nearby Gretna, La., Paul Washington, 25, was to have died on a rape charge on June 29. The date had been hurriedly set and was not revealed to the Civil Rights Congress, which is defending him. Washington's letters to CRC announcing the date were intercepted and destroyed. A stay of execution was won with a scant hour to spare.

NEW YORK: In New York City Roosevelt Ward Jr., 21, national leader of the Labor Youth League and an outstanding figure in Harlem, has been jailed on a technical charge of draft violation in Louisiana (he has lived in New York for three years, never received a notice of induction). Two weeks ago a federal grand jury refused to act in the killing of John Derrick, Negro veteran, in Harlem last December by two cops. In Brooklyn, where Henry Fields Jr., 26, was killed by a cop last May, two grand juries refused to indict, but a mock public trial attended by 300 persons turned in a verdict of "guilty."

MICHIGAN: Two of the victims of the famed Scottsboro frame-up are still being persecuted. In Detroit Haywood Patterson, author of **Scottsboro Boy**, is spending the summer in jail awaiting a third trial on a questionable murder charge; the first ended in a hung jury, the second in a mistrial. In Albany, N.Y., Andy Wright has pleaded not guilty to a charge of raping a 13-year-old girl. He is defended by the NAACP.

CALIFORNIA: In Pive:side a large and militant defense movement has sprung up to save Army Sgt. Lawrence Walker, 20, charged with the murder of Richard and Doris Cook in March and the kidnaping and rape of Mrs. Betty Maund in February. He was found guilty last week.

But in nearby Los Angeles, international stage star Josephine Baker made a citizen's arrest of a white Texan who made a disparaging remark, haled him to court, saw him fined $100.

PENNSYLVANIA: In Philadelphia a fight goes on to save Fletcher Mills, ex-sharecropper, from extradition to Alabama. In 1945 he was charged with assault in Tuscaloosa in defending himself against his white landlord, fled when a lynch mob began to form. The FBI arrested him in 1949; recently a U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that he faced no danger in being returned. The verdict is being appealed.

VIRGINIA: In Norfolk Rev. J. H. Mann preached a sermon against jimcrow. Two white men seized him after leaving his church, took him to an alley, saturated his clothing with gasoline and set him afire. He died of his burns. His assailants were not apprehended.

MISSISSIPPI: In Vicksburg, Lonnie Bevell, 27, a white farmer charged with raping a Negro girl, was acquitted by an all-white jury.

N. CAROLINA: Near Chapel Hill Negro farmer Mack Ingram, 44, father of nine children, went to a nearby white farm to borrow an implement. Later that day he was arrested; the white farmer's 18-year-old daughter charged assault by Ingram. In court she testified that Ingram never was closer to her than 75 feet, but that he had "looked" at her. Ingram got two years.

Clyde Brown, charged with rape, was sentenced to die on June 21 in Durham, N.C. A committee defending him collected in one day 2,131 names to petitions in his behalf, presented them to Gov. Kerr Scott on June 18, won a stay of execution. Brown was convicted on the strength of a "confession," never was identified by the complainant. The committee is also working for the freedom of Bennie and Lloyd Daniels, cousins, victim of what their defenders call a frame-up in the murder of a white cab driver in Greenville, N.C.

GEORGIA: Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram is still in Reidville Prison serving a life sentence. She and two of her sons, in self-defense, killed a white farmer who attacked her on her own property. She is the mother of 14 children.

FLORIDA: On Aug. 4 all NAACP branches met to plan the defense of Samuel Shepherd and Walter Irvin, who face re-trial in November on a charge of rape in Groveland, Fla., in July, 1949. The accusation set off a reign of terror in which most of the Negro community was burned out. The Supreme Court reversed their conviction and death sentences last April.

AMERICANISM: Two weeks ago, in a co-ordinated four-state plan, at least 14 KKK crosses blazed warnings of further violence. At least six burned in Birmingham, Ala., and three in Nashville, Tenn. Others were set afire in Talladega, Ala.; Atlanta and Moultrie, Ga.; Orlando and Wildwood, Fla.

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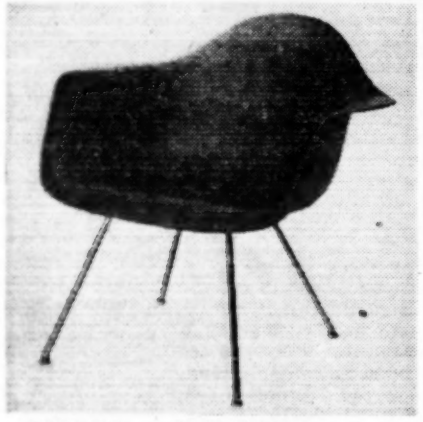

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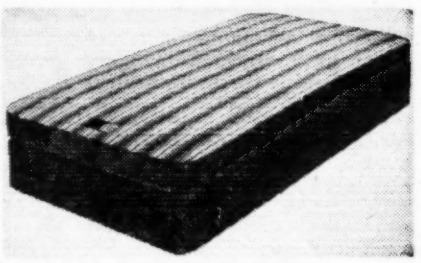

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AN AMERICAN TEACHER DESCRIBES

University life in Poland

By Margaret Schlauch

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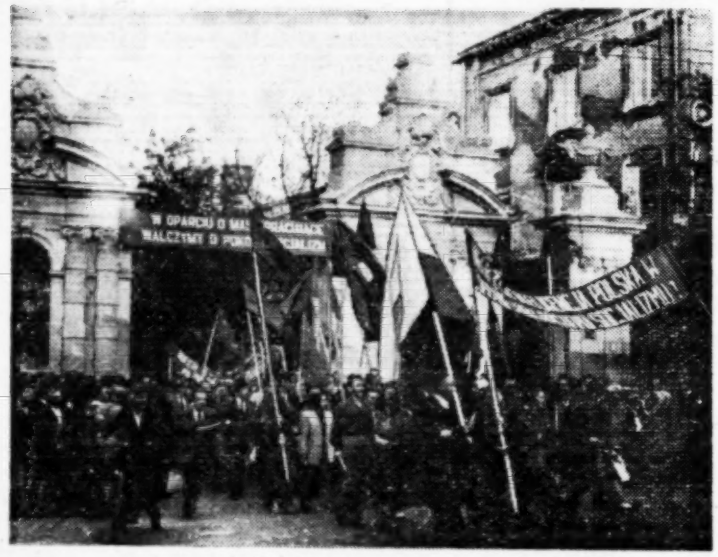
WARSAW

POLAND'S task of rebuilding what was destroyed on a vast scale, and at the same time changing an agricultural into an industrial economy, requires heroic labor from all and a great release of the energy of those formerly most repressed. With the country now beginning to belong to its own people, all aspects of life are affected by the shift going on. Yet there is continuity found along with the most deep-going changes. Universities reflect both these aspects of the movement toward a socialist culture.



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Warsaw university students mark opening of school year

Certain peculiarities of European universities make easier their internal democratization in a socialist sense. Being smaller than most U.S. universities of comparable prestige (they here include only the more advanced undergraduate classes and graduate students), they require a far less complicated administration. The hierarchy of deans, assistant deans, chancellors, presidents and vice-presidents has always been less imposing here than in the U.S.

Moreover, state universities (the only kind known, aside from the similarly-organized church institutions) have traditionally enjoyed considerable autonomy even in the least progressive of West European countries in the pre-war era (except the fascist, of course). While exercising general control, the state left professors to run their own jobs to a great extent. Faculties elected their own deans from their own ranks, decided through committees on additions to the faculty, without control by businessmen, realtors, generals and politicians.

TABUS THAT HAVE DIED: Under the People's Democracy regimes, the faculties — with most of the pre-war personnel still functioning — continue to administer their own affairs just as before. The various ministries of education give general directives, of course, on programs, standards and procedures. Certain new privileges and immunities have been added largely in the form of social services (medical care, free vacations at resorts, etc.)

But in content and general atmosphere there are striking differences. In the old Poland the forms of internal autonomy were vitiated by many unwritten tabus. Women were kept out of the professorial body. Jews were victims of a harsh and consistent discrimination. Students came mostly from a small privileged section of the community, with women a handicapped minority having little hope of professional careers after graduation.

THE PEOPLE MOVE IN: All of these evils have been entirely corrected, and through scholarship grants to workers' and peasants' children the class make-up of the student body now corresponds more closely to that of the entire nation:

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This year 54,553 students received stipends compared with 4,669 in 1937-8; total of stipends paid was 36,000,000 zloties in 1949, 156,000,000 in 1951.

These figures show that the universities under this People's Government are people's institutions, not strongholds of privilege. The quantitative change is as striking: 49,534 students in institutions of higher learning in 1938-9, 121,078 now.

PROFESSORIAL DISSENT: Concerning the programs taught, I know details only about the department in which I work. English philology here is pretty much the same discipline you find in other universities. It includes requirements in Old and Middle English, history of English and American literature, and seminar work. Knowledge of one or two West European languages is required, besides familiarity with Russian. Some courses outside of English are obligatory for younger students: two of these concern Polish and Russian literature, one the principles of dialectical materialism. The idea is to have young people at least understand the philosophical tenets of the party representing the majority in today's coalition government.

A question will be asked by Americans alarmed by violations of academic freedom at home: what about the status of dissenting opinion here? As a former colleague has ironically asked me: What chance does a professor have to advocate a return to large-scale private enterprise in Poland, should he so desire?

FREAKS IN 2 STYLES: One answer merely parries the question by asking in reply: What chance does an American professor have now, with FBI intimidation felt on all campuses, to advocate Marxist economics to his classes with impunity? Since for practical purposes that chance has been reduced to nothing, there is little place for a tone of lofty moral superiority on the part of American academicians.

The other answer is more positive. The structure of capitalism is studied here, in detail. What, then, if a professor in Poland were to advocate its restoration, together with delivery of the country to the tender mercies of foreign investors, and all that the change would imply in social and economic regression for the masses of the people?

The advocacy would appear as absurd on its face, I believe, as advocacy by an American of a return to the tribal economy of the American Indians. Both advocates would be regarded as freaks and laughed out of court. History has long since made such ideas fantastically unreal in the one case, and is rapidly doing so in the other.

THE STUDENTS HAVE SENSE: As massive new buildings rise from the ghostly debris of recent years; as the living standard of all citizens steadily mounts; as the benefits of socialist planning and organization become daily more apparent, any regret for the days of feudalism becomes more obviously absurd. You can still hear it, to be sure, but not from the students. Their short lives have seen one major transition: from the horrors of war and fascist occupation to the dawn of a rich new life. Naturally they are not apt to sigh for a vanished regime which they barely recall, and which they know to have been guilty of the country's catastrophe in 1939. Some more conservative faculty members indulge in nostalgia for the past and petty criticism of the present, but not one of these has lost his job for a political reason, or indeed any other, since 1945.

Nowhere in the world does academic freedom mean anarchic unrestraint. The question is: insofar as restraint is necessary, who exercises it and in whose interests? Here, I am convinced, the welfare of the vast majority of the people is the primary concern, in this as in other matters.

Of this concern the eager and hard-working students — with their multiple activities, their full- and part-time jobs, their immersion in constructive group life, above all their confidence in the future — are more profoundly aware than even the best of us oldsters who teach them.

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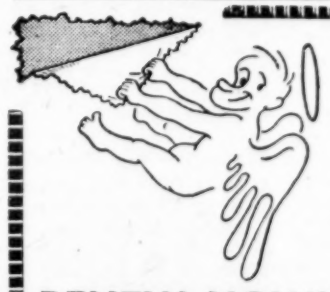

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